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## Here and There

### Not Wanted: One Rabbit

From Lloyd Surveyor Robert Little (whose stories will be missed when he leaves Aruba in the near future) comes a yarn about a rabbit and three not-so-good Samaritans, and how they got together and made life miserable for George Mathews.

It seems that a gardener working in Little's yard discovered a white rabbit, which, being apparently an orphan and unclaimed, was fair game and destined for the gardener's cooking pot. Fate dropped in, however, in the form of Joe Getts, Elly Wilkens, and Virgil Reeve, who had other ideas for the rabbit's future, feature of which was that, welcome or not, it should be a boarder at George Mathew's house.

They deposited it there, then noised the word around the neighborhood that George had a pet bunny, of which he was very fond, and if it was found straying it should be returned promptly to its owner. Result: though persistently chased away it has been returned by helpful neighbors six times, often being carefully closed in the living room when the Mathews have been away from home.

Advice to the Mathews: there's always the cooking pot, or it might be made a Machine Shop mascot.

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### New By-product?

A bill from a Boston grocer recently received by Chief Timekeeper Leon Rought is addressed to him in care of the "Lago Oil and Frankfort Company". Perhaps one of the Cracking Plant stills has a well-camouflaged sidestream of hot dogs.

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### To Be Expected

The bowling league for women is gradually taking shape. The girls' chief worry is not schedules, or the foul line, or handicaps, or practice, but... sh-h... it's *what to wear!*

Un vista hopi familiar ta e marchamento di e soldánan Ingles cu nan instrumentnan di muziek ariba camindanan di Aruba.

## SERVICE AWARDS

February, 1942

### 10-Year Buttons

Laszlo Boros	L. O. F.
Feliz Victor Silva	Marine Wharves
Juan Geerman	Marine Wharves
Jose Geerman	Personnel
Benjamin Burgin	Marine Wharves
Rubin Rozencwajg	Pressure Stills

(Note: Service Buttons for these men have been sent to their respective department heads, and will be awarded within the departments February 3.)

## SCHEDULE OF PAY DAYS

### Semi-Monthly Payroll

January 16—31 Monday, February 9

### Monthly Payroll

January 1—31 Tuesday, February 10

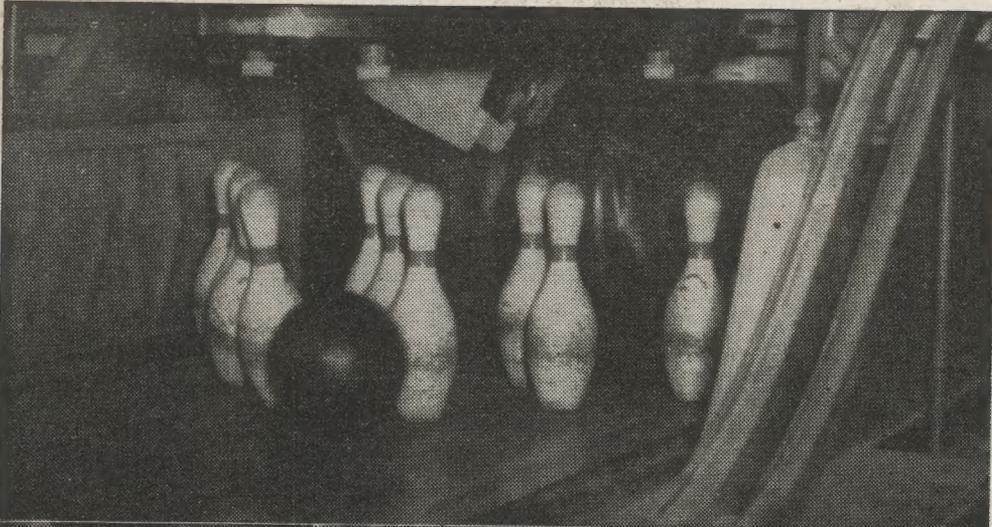
## Trainmento di Pipefitternan

Departamento di M. & C. i Training Division a duna debida atencion poco dia pasá na e trainmento di pipefitternan, ora cu plannan tawata worde haci pa haya i asegura suficiente pipefitter cu experiencia pa e trabao grandi cu lo bini ora expansión di e planta cuminsa. Di acuerdo cu e presente plannan, 44 cuadrilla di pipefitter lo worde formá ademas di e 33 cuadrillanan cu ya ta existi, i e necesidad di caporal pa e cuadrillanan ey lo ta grandi, pero e presente programa di trainmento cu pronto lo worde extendí mas ainda, lo tuma cargo di esey.

E curso regular pa pipefitternan a cuminsa dia 14 di Januari cu 16 homber, entre nan tres aprendiz cu a drenta school di Compania 3 aña pasá. E hombernan aki a haya les di Ingles i reekmento prome cu nan a cuminsa cu e curso aki. Diez-cinco homber a cuminsa dia 19 di Januari cu un curso nobo cu lo dura 6 siman, i un otro 15 mas lo cuminsa aki poco tempo cu un curso mescos.



A long-familiar sight on Aruba's highways is that of the British soldiers, led by the bagpipes, on "route march". Above, they have passed through the refinery and are entering the colony. For the soldiers in a strikingly different setting and mood, see page 4.



### DOWN THE ALLEY

The top photo at left (taken at 1/200 of a second) illustrates what the players in these pictures try, with varying amounts of success, to do. Bowlers have many names for the exact location where the ball is shown, but under any name it means a strike. P.S. -- this one was, to the credit of Clark Donovan.

Center: a friendly (but noisy) argument over who scored what, with Charlie Hoglund holding the floor, and Jim Jeffries, Bob Campbell, Ed McCoart, John Sherman, Frank Ciccarelli, and John McCord listening.

Lower left: guardian of the foul line, never bested in an argument. It was Val Linam in this case.

Right center: the "on your mark get set to run down the alley and kick 'em over" technique (Bob Harmon demonstrating) as opposed to:

Lower right: the "flail 'em down" method (with Dick Smith flailing).



### Get Out the Polish--There's Life in the Old Jalopy Yet

Car and truck owners all over the Western Hemisphere experienced an uneasy feeling when the assembly lines in Detroit's auto factories slowed and finally came to a halt, not to move again for the duration of the war. How to keep the old car going for one or two or an undetermined number of years became as important a matter as how to "baby along" the tires, feeling an almost-real pain every time they struck a sharp rock.

A group of oil company test men, working on a 170-mile course in Florida, recently figured out an encouraging answer for these owners. In a four-month road test on a fleet of 1940 stock cars they found mileage up to 112,000 miles — and still going strong. During the period, in which the cars were driven night and day at an average speed of 50 miles per hour, top speed was only two miles less than when the cars were new, and mileage per gallon of gasoline was better!

At 10,000 miles the fleet made 18.5 miles per gallon on an average; at 75,000 miles 19.1, and at 100,000 miles it was 18.9. Gasoline economy increased as driving speed increased up to about 20 miles per hour, and then fell off. In 10,000 miles of driving the anti-knock requirement increased from 64 to 73 octane and at 50,000 miles it leveled out at about 75 octane.

Motorists can take a degree of comfort from the test. Servicing requirements may increase to some extent, but "there's life in the old girl yet!"

### Barr and Moulton Transferred To S.O.V.'s Caripito Refinery

Two Lago employees, Thomas Barr and Carroll Moulton, left Aruba this month on permanent transfer to the Standard Oil Company of Venezuela at Caripito. Both have joined the Power-

house staff at the Caripito refinery.

Mr. Barr has been an employee since October 16, 1929, with all his service at the Powerhouse, and at the time of his leaving was a shift foreman. Mr. Moulton came to Aruba January 19, 1940, as a member of the special guard unit, and joined the Powerhouse staff as an apprentice operator July 3, 1941.

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## DROPS OF OIL OR BATTLESHIPS

This refinery has much to be proud of, but it falls behind many industrial plants in one respect: it has little to show the public of its accomplishments.

Most factories that are turning out material to supply the armies, navies, and air forces of democracy release pictures, both in employee publications and for public circulation, showing rows of bombing planes, or machine guns, or naval range-finders, or whatever they may be supplying, as evidence of their contribution to the war effort.

Here in Aruba we are at a disadvantage. We could, perhaps, make a photograph of a drop of oil, but once we had it there would be no point in making another and another, and anyway the first picture would show only a little black spot. But that little black spot, multiplied by millions and by billions, is as essential to Allied success as are all the bombers and the battleships.

The way of life for which we stand is being fought for with machines and instruments that are mighty, or delicate, or swift, or powerful, as the case may be. Essential as these machines are, a surprisingly-large portion of them depend for their effectiveness on our many drops of oil. And anyone who adds his small part to the total effort required to furnish the oil to the machines, whether he be a sailor, a carpenter, or a still operator, is, along with the man who rivets a plate on a new battleship, contributing toward ultimate success.

Shown are three "Coin Your Ideas" awardists whose ideas received cash recognition at a meeting held in General Superintendent F. S. Campbell's office January 21. Left to right are Edney Huckleman, who received Fls. 10 for a suggestion improving the canvas time-card cover at Post 16; James Leysner, whose Fls. 10 award was for a safety suggestion to relocate braces at the Sweetening Plant substation; and Arthur Veghte, who received Fls. 10 for a suggested walkway in the Hydro-Poly area. Not present was Cecil Annamunthodo, for whom an award of Fls. 10 was announced for the installation of a clock in the Personnel department's Employment division.

### "Coin Your Ideas"



## DROPAN DI AZETA COMPARA CU VAPORNAN DI GUERA

E refinaria aki tin hopi kos di cual e por ta orgulloso, i toch, compará cu otro plantanan industrial e ta keda atrás den algo: e por muestra público masha poco di loque e ta haci.

Mayoría di fábricanan cu ta traha material pa ejércitonan i pa forzanan aéro i di lamá, ta circula publicacionnan pa empleadonan i pa público tambe, cu portretnan mustrandó lineanan largo di aeroplano pa bombardeo, metrayadornan, i qualquier otro aparatonan cu nan ta fabrica, pa di e manera aki nan muestra público con nan ta yuda pa gana guerra.

Aki na Aruba nos no tin e ventaja ei. Nos por a saca portret di un drop di azeta, pero ora e portret ta kla, nos no lo gana nada door di saca un of mas portret atrobe, i sea di cualquier manera, semper nos lo keda mira e mes punto preto. Pero e punto preto chiquito ei, multiplicá pa millones, i billones, ta mes importante pa forzanan Aliado cu tur e aeroplano i vapornan di guerra.

Nos manera di biba ta worde defindí door di machin i instrumentnan fuerte, of delicado, ligé, of poderoso, segun e caso por ta. I toch, pa tur potente cu nan ta, e eficiencia di un gran cantidad di nan ta depende di nos hopi dropnan di azeta. I cada un cu ta yuda cu su parti na e esfuerso total necesario pa traha e azeta aki pa e machinnan, sea cu e ta un matros, un carpinté, of un trahador den Stills, ta contribui na e éxito final, mescos cu e remachador cu ta pone un plancha na un vapor nobo di guerra.

On occasion, soldiers can handle a song as well as a gun. Shown is the finale of the recent musical revue staged by the British troops at the Esso Club, as they sang "Hail Caledonia".



Tin ocasion cu soldánan ta canta un cantica mes bon cu nan ta tira cu un scopet. Aki 'riba nos ta mira un escena presentá recientemente door di e soldánan Ingles na Esso Club, cantando "Hail Caledonia".

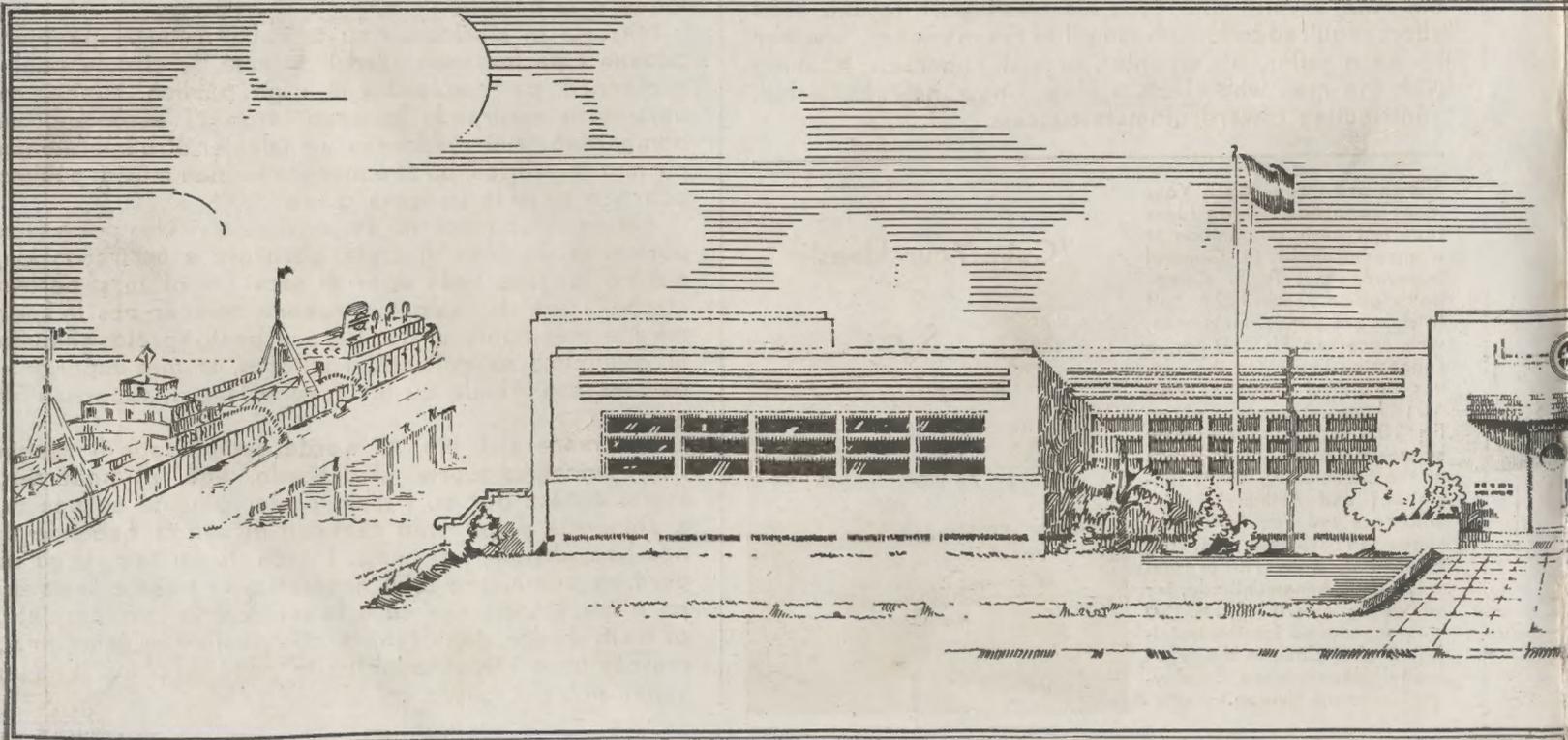


Shown below is an architect's conception of the new \$ 79,000 Marine Office building on which construction was started late in January. Of wood frame and stucco exterior, plaster wall interior, celotex tile ceiling, and rubber flooring, the building will be somewhat similar in appearance to the General Office building, except that fixed glass windows with venetian blinds will be used instead of the glass block of the larger building.

The new marine headquarters will be air-conditioned throughout, and will provide 8,500 square feet of floor space, a large increase over the department's present inadequate quarters. Located on the bluff overlooking the finger pier and Drydock, it is ideally situated for marine operations.

In layout also the building has been planned with close attention to its functions. A service entrance at the east end, nearest the various dockheads, will open into the portion of the building of most concern to marine personnel, and a main entrance and lobby will front on the road. The department's engineering section will be concentrated in the west portion of the structure, with an exit convenient to the Drydock area. The ships' dispatchers will be located in the south wing, (not shown in the picture) with an outside porch overlooking the harbor. Separate masters' waiting rooms are to be provided for ocean tanker and lake tanker personnel.

In spite of difficulties in securing materials, every effort will be made to complete the building before commencement of the major plant construction program later in the year.



### Stenography Course Graduates Eight



Shown above with instructor Jerome Littmann (extreme left) are eight employees who received diplomas January 12 on completion of a course in shorthand and typing. Front row, left to right, Damien Tromp, Francis Guevara, Bernard Marquis, and Saul Ruiz. Back row, Seon Frederick, Rolando de Palm, Casper Lacle, and Kenny Williams. Mr. Littmann is holding the ship model presented to him by the class.

Stenography students with ten months of training behind them and achievement records of 80 words per minute in shorthand and average typing speeds of 43 words per minute received diplomas January 12 on completion of their course. Those who graduated are Rolando dePalm, Seon Frederick, Francis Guevara, Casper Lacle, Bernard Marquis, Saul Ruiz, Damien Tromp, and Kenny

Williams.

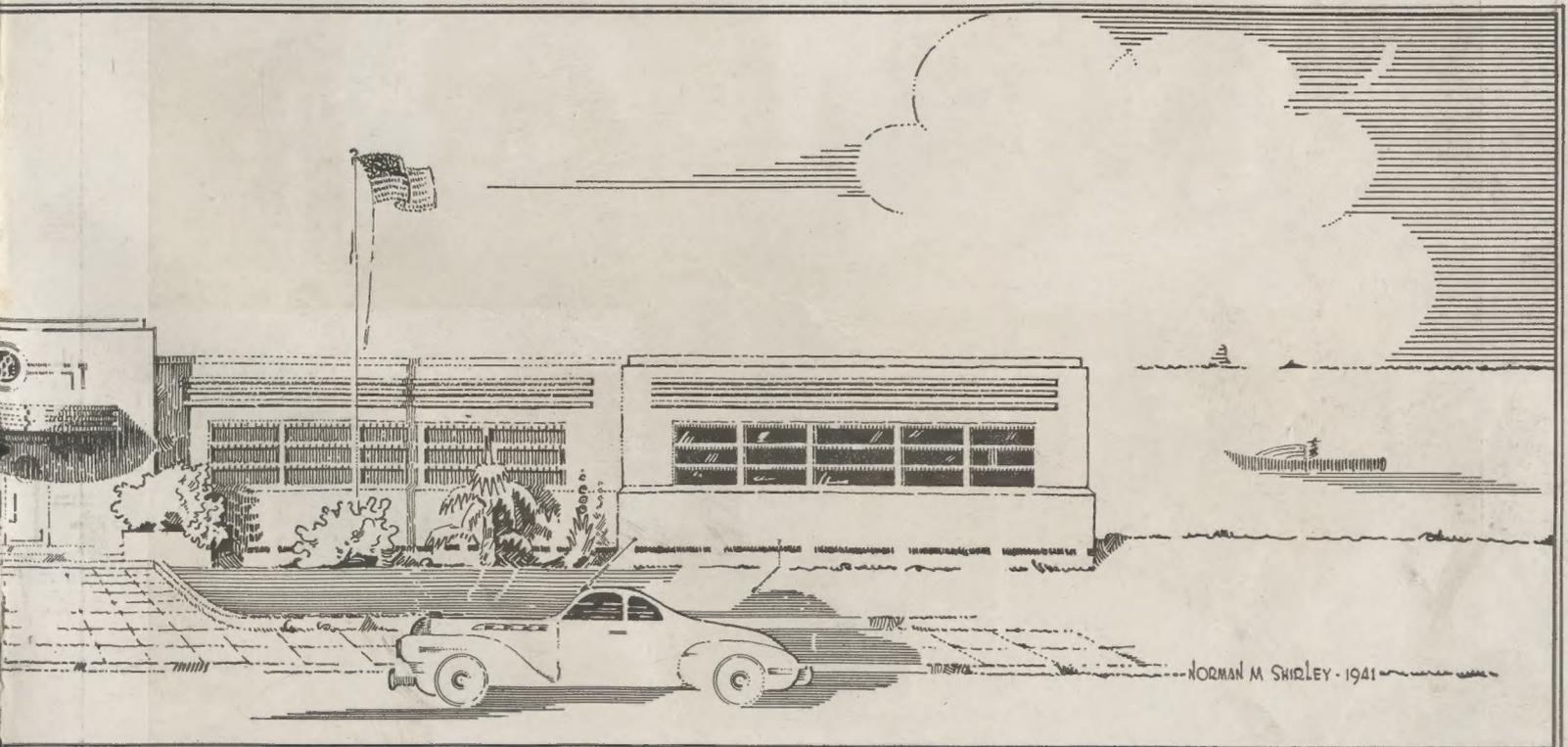
The eight men were congratulated by Training Supervisor George Dickover, who commended them highly on their outstanding achievements. Personnel Manager B. Teagle also spoke of credit due both students and instructor for the skills developed, calling particular attention to the fact that several of the eight had achieved shorthand proficiency in a



Departments having a supply of inter-office envelopes in excess of their actual needs are requested to send them to the Storehouse for re-issue.

language that was not their native tongue.

Rolando dePalm, speaking for all the men, conveyed to the Management their pleasure and gratification in the opportunity to take the course.



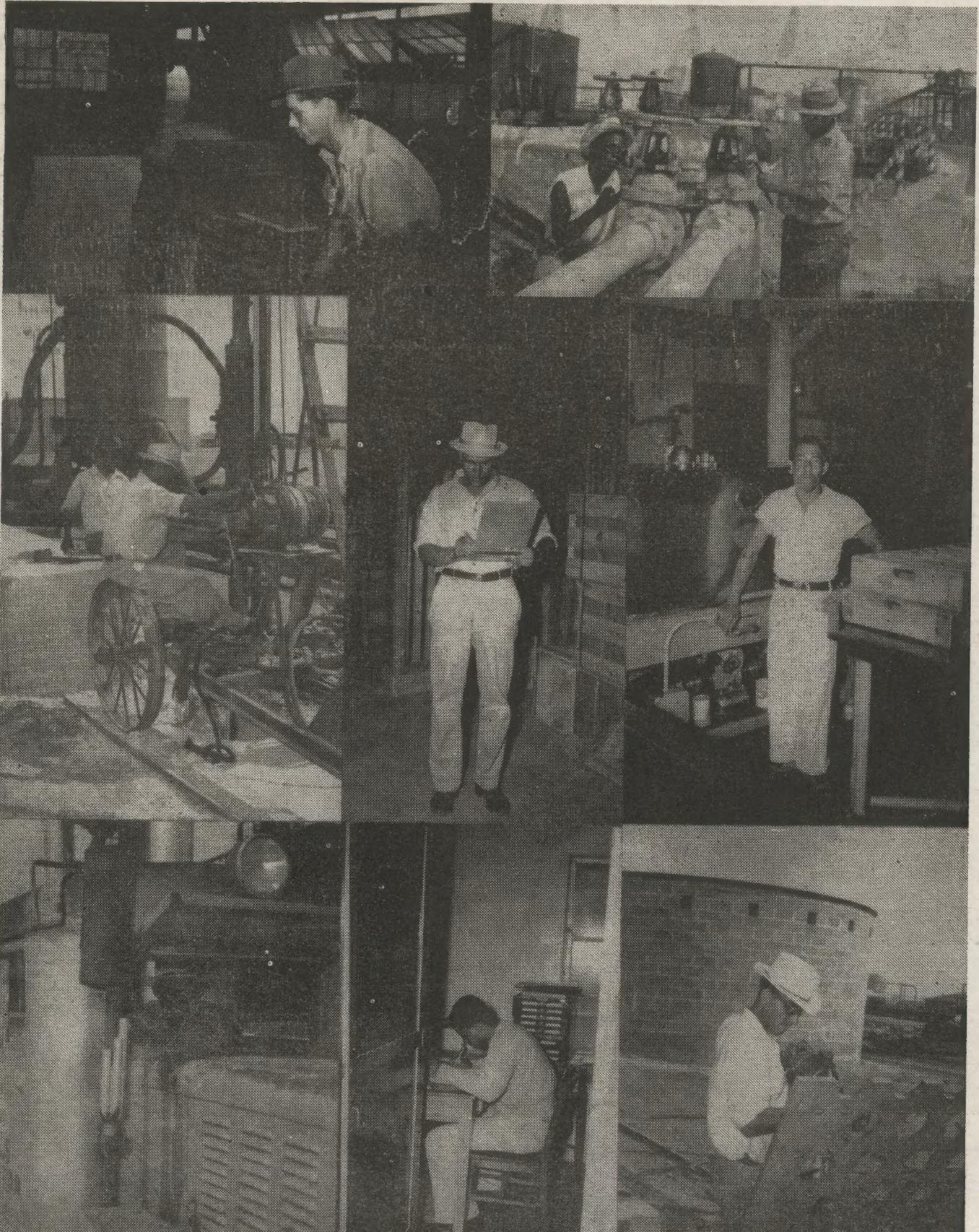
## MEN AT WORK

Top: Left, Cleo German of the Carpenter Shop is planing boards to be used as drawers for a control house cabinet; right, Ricardo Hazel and Johan Christiaan of the Paint department are chipping rust, a job that never stops.

Center: Left, Pedro Erasmus (at the controls) and Pablo Tromp operate a wagon drill; middle, Roosevelt

Archibald checks orders at the Wholesale Commissary; right, John Kerpens is head dishwasher at the Dining Hall. An employee since 1925, when he started work at the old White House, he has not been absent on a working day for the past ten years.

Bottom: Left, Nicolo Wellman at the controls of a locomotive; middle, Cyril Richardson is working on records at the Cold Storage Plant; right, Marcelino Kelly of the Foundry grinds a casting.



**New Wrinkles in Research**

**Better Juice—**

Visitors to oranges groves soon are likely to see gas being injected from cylinders into irrigation ditches, to be carried by the water to the roots of trees, making bigger, sweeter, juicier oranges.

Petroleum researchers took hydrogen cracked from petroleum gas, combined it with nitrogen from the air, and found they had an excellent fertilizer in the form of a gas that could be carried by water.

**Quick Dumping—**

Collapsible tubes, attached to gasoline tanks and telescoped inside of an airplane's wings, can be released to dump fuel safely and quickly from warplanes in emergencies. When tubes are released, spreader wings inside distend them to catch fuel from the opened discharge valves on tanks. When the tubes are retracted within the wings, the discharge valves close automatically.

**Metals a la Carte—**

Metallic stepchildren that are increasing in importance are metal powders. Powdered metals are compressed and baked into blocks, then cut, stamped, or shaped into bearings, gears, and other machine parts with surfaces like mirrors and measurements minutely accurate.

Powder metals are tough and durable, often outwearing the machine in which they are used. An important advantage is that they can be made to order. Instead of taking pig iron and revising it to meet specific needs, powdered pure iron is blended in exact proportions with nickel, chromium, and other ingredients, the concoction is put in a hydraulic press, and out comes an alloy part which needs little further processing to be ready for use.

Special telephone hookups are provided for workers in an airplane plant so that a man inside the fuselage can give directions to a helper outside without stopping work.

**Garage Barely Wins Over Utilities in League Opener**



Julio Nicholson of Utilities hits for a two-bagger the first ball pitched in the first game of the softball league against the Garage team at the Sport Park January 21. A few minutes later he came in with the first run.

**SCORES**

**Softball**

January 21	
Garage	7
Utilities	6

**Cricket**

January 18	
Colony Service	163
Medical	160
(Not league play)	

**Football**

January 11	
Oranje	1
S. N. Jr.	1
January 18	
R.C.B.	1
Oranje	3

The softball league at the Sport Park opened with a hair-breadth game January 21 when the much-practiced Garage team squeezed out a 7-6 victory over a green Utilities outfit that shows plenty of promise.

With the lead sawing back and forth in the early innings, Utilities put on the pressure in the next to last to drive in three runs and tie up the score at 6-6, and it was anybody's ball game. In the first half of the eighth, however, Thomas Foy made the winning run for the Garage, and Albert Nichols, relieving Thomas Emmanuel who had pitched the first seven innings, then struck out three Utilities batters in short order to save the game.

Gerald Romer and Mateo Reyes did the pitching for Utilities.

The score by innings:

Garage	1-0-1-1-0-3-0-1	7
Utilities	1-1-0-1-0-0-3-0	6

**Schedule — Inter-departmental Cricket Tournament**

**B Division**

Colony Service	Versus	T. S. D.	February 1
Watching Service	"	Hospital	February 15
Colony Service	"	Watching Service	March 1
T. S. D.	"	Hospital	March 15
Colony Service	"	Hospital	March 29
T. S. D.	"	Watching Service	April 12

**A Division**

Versus	Dry Dock	January 25
"	M. & C.	February 8
"	High Pressure	February 22
"	Dry Dock	March 8
"	M. & C.	March 22
"	High Pressure	April 5

## NEW ARRIVALS

A daughter, Basilica Antonia, to Mr. and Mrs. Camille Emmanuel, January 9.

A daughter, Carmencita Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. James Woods, January 10.

A son, Kenneth Wilfred, to Mr. and Mrs. Eustace Martin, January 11.

A daughter, Catharina Theodosa, to Mr. and Mrs. Circuncion Albertsz, January 11.

A daughter, Doris Hildred, to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hamlet, January 15.

A son, Genaro Jose, to Mr. and Mrs. Andres Rodriguez, January 19.

A son, Edward Louis Elbert, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lank, January 19.

A son, Vincentius Antonius, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Leysner, January 20.

A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Voughan Canwood, January 21.

A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Nicolaas, January 22.

Recent "new arrivals" outside Aruba included Richard Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hargrove, at Colorado City, Texas, December 27, and Nancy Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Deeds, born at Lincoln, Nebraska January 6.

## Cos di Loco?

Conversacion cu probablemente lo tuma luga entre dos oficinista na Januari di 1943 (of por ta na Juli di 1942):

**Prome Oficinista:** "Bo por imagina bo cu mi a mira un banchi di lastiek ayera!"

**E di dos Oficinista:** "Esey no ta nada, un homber na nos oficina tawatin siman pasá dos inter-office envelop i mi a cambia cuater paper-clips bon pa un di nan".

Cos di loco? Imposible? Absolutamente. No ta di duda cu aki poco tempo nos lo haya falta di tur loque ta papel, metal of lastiek. Warehouse ta reporta un tardanza continuo den pedidonan di articulon pa escritorio, tardanzanan cu eventualmente lo causa un escasez grandi di e articulon aki. Un envelop cu bo spaar awe, bo por us'e siman cu ta bini of e siman cu no tin envelop mas. Si nos bai ariba e prys, un banchi di lastiek casi no tin valor, pero si nos mira su utilidad, na casonan unda nada otro lo sirbi, su valor lo ta grandi.

Mas o menos un mil di e empleadonan di Compania ta usa articulon di escritorio tur dia, den un of otro forma. E esfuerzo necesario pa cada un di e mil

## Training Notes

Training of pipefitters was receiving closest attention of M. & C. and Training division forces recently as plans were being made to provide sufficient experienced pipefitters for the intensive work to be done when plant expansion begins. With tentative plans to form 44 new pipe gangs in addition to the 33 now operating, the need for trained gang-leaders will be pressing, and the present intensive program, soon to be further expanded, will be designed to meet that need.

The regular six-months pipe course, prefaced by a period of instruction in English and arithmetic, was begun January 14 by 16 men, including three third-year apprentices. Fifteen men started work January 19 on a new pipe course of intensified study, to continue for six weeks, and an additional 15 will begin a similar course in the near future.

aki yuda spaar loque actualmente nos tin na stock lo ta masha chiquito compará cu e beneficio cu e lo haci nos den lunanan cu ta bini.

**Ta mes fácil pa spaar cu pa dristibi, i ta mucho mas provechoso.**

The 1942 apprentice class of 72 Aruban boys poses for a picture before going to class and to work on their first day with the Company, January 12. All had passed their medical examinations the previous week, and were ready to take up their daily schedule of two hours of classwork and six hours of training on the job. Of the 72 boys, 14 are in the operating program (with 10 ultimately to be assigned to the Operating department and four to T.S.D.), 13 in the utilities program, 15 in the clerical program, and 30 in the mechanical program (with 26 for the Mechanical department and four for Colony Service).

Aki 'riba nos ta mira un portret di e klas di aprendiznan pa 1942, formá pa 72 mucha-homber Arubiano. E a worde tumá dia 12 di Januari, algo prome cu nan a cuminsa cu nan les i nan trabao den planta ariba nan prome dia den empleo di Compania. Tur a pasa nan examen médico e siman anterior, i tawata klaar pa cuminsa cu nan programa diario di dos ora di les i seis ora di tratamiento na nan job. Di e 72 mucha-homber, 14 lo worde poní na trabao den Stills, 13 lo bai na Departamento di Utilities, 15 lo participa den e programa pa oficinista, i 30 lo tuma parti den e programa pa mecánico.

